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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Letter from [] re Supercomputers

REFERENCES: A. Letter for DDA from [] dated
16 March 1983, Subject: Supercomputers
B. Letter for [] from DDA, dated
16 March 1983, Subject: Supercomputers

My letter to [] thanking him for his briefing on the Jason Supercomputer Project (Reference B) crossed his letter (Reference A) in the mail. As you can see from my letter, CIA has no use for a supercomputer now or in the immediate future. While we voiced our support for the project, I declined Bill's offer to be the lead Agency in the Jason Project, and suggested the National Security Agency or another Department of Defense agency as a possibility.

Harry E. Fitzwater

Attachments: a/s
ODP [] (22 March 83)

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Dear Harry:

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Our presentation at the White House has elicited a high level of interest there, which is appropriate given the very critical nature of the challenge we face. I think it is possible, if the CIA were to come forward and indicate a willingness to be the lead agency on this Project, we might very well be able to get it moving quickly. A broad based constituency may exist, I believe, to support such a decision and such an effort.

Of all the elements involved in this decision, the one that is most critical to our national interest is time. As I mentioned to you, we started looking into this challenge last July. We are now approaching April, and I would suspect that at least a full year will have passed before any meaningful activity begins to take place and that simply puts the Japanese another twelve months ahead of us, which is something I think we can ill afford.

Again, it was good to meet you, and thank you very much for your interest.

STAT Sincerely,

/ Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable William J. Casey
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Chairman of the Board
Jason Systems, Incorporated
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Dear [Redacted]

I found our 3 March meeting on your Jason Project proposal quite informative. I believe your efforts to create a domestic supercomputer capability address an important national concern.

There is little question that the availability of a domestic supercomputer of the type your proposal describes would be a significant national security asset. This agency is closely monitoring its requirements in the supercomputer area. At this time, however, we do not have a validated supercomputer requirement. Unlike some other agencies, we are fortunate that commercially available hardware can generally be expected to satisfy the majority of our ADP requirements.

We, therefore, believe it would not be appropriate for CIA to take the initiative in funding a project such as yours. The National Security Agency or other Department of Defense component would be more suited as a lead agency.

Thank you once again for sharing your plans with us. We are very interested in supercomputer developments and will follow your progress closely. Please be assured that the goal of a strong domestic supercomputer capability is shared by this agency.

Sincerely,

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Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director
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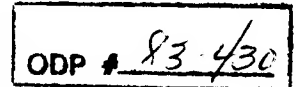
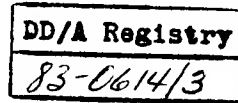
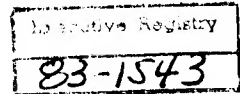
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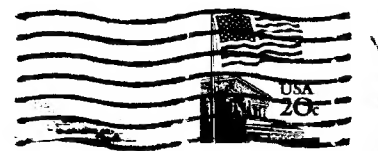
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